

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit actions to carry out the Department of Commerce’s pause in the issuance of new export licenses for certain exports under the Commerce Control List.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect American Gun
5 Exporters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE DE-**
2 **PARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S PAUSE IN THE**
3 **ISSUANCE OF NEW EXPORT LICENSES FOR**
4 **CERTAIN EXPORTS UNDER THE COMMERCE**
5 **CONTROL LIST.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce—

8 (1) may not take any action to carry out the
9 Department of Commerce's assessment or any policy
10 changes resulting from the assessment announced on
11 October 27, 2023, relating to the Department's
12 pause in the issuance of new export licenses for ex-
13 ports of all items controlled under Export Control
14 Classification Numbers 0A501, 0A502, 0A504, and
15 0A505 of the Commerce Control List; and

16 (2) may not take any substantially similar ac-
17 tion to pause or otherwise suspend or prohibit the
18 issuance of new export licenses for exports of any or
19 all items described in paragraph (1).

20 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Commerce may
21 take an action described in paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
22 section (a) only if—

23 (1) the action is subject to and meets the re-
24 quirements of—

25 (A) section 553 of title 5, United States
26 Code; and

1 (B) chapter 8 of title 5, commonly known
2 as the “Congressional Review Act”); and
3 (2) before taking the action, the Secretary con-
4 ducts a regulatory impact analysis of the action.